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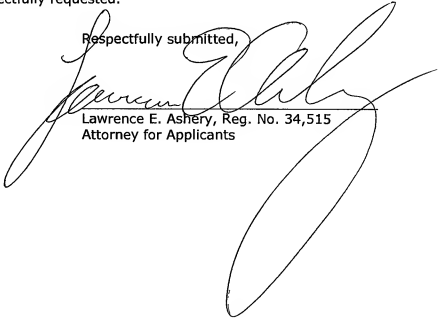
Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuoka (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0085653). Claims 7-11, 13, 16-17, and 20-21 however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been cancelled and the features of claim 1 have been incorporated into claim 7.

The various withdrawn claims have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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